के विकास के क्षेत्र में महत्वपूर्ण काम किया है । ये प्रौद्योगिकियां देश के विभिन्न कृषि जलवायु स्थितियों के लिए विशेष रूप से उपयुक्त हैं और भारत में अनेक कृषि जिन्सों के उत्पादन और उत्पादकता में सुधार लाने में इन्होंने महत्वपूर्ण योगदान किया है ।

(ख) भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद, अनुसंधान और विकास अनुदान के रूप में कृषि विश्वविद्यालयों को पर्याप्त मदद देती हैं । इसमें आधुनिक उपकरण और सुविधाओं के लिए भी मदद दी जाती है । साथ ही, राष्ट्रीय कृषि अनुसंधान प्रायोजना और अखिल भारतीय समन्वित अनुसंधान प्रायोजनाओं के अन्तर्गत भी उन्हें धन दिया जाता हैं ।

**Improvement in production of agricultural products in Assam**

580. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to take fresh steps for improving the production of rice, pulses, potatoes and eggs in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) For improving the production and productivity of agricultural products in Assam, the following steps are being taken by the Government of India: —

To increase rice production an integrated rice production programme is being implementedin the entire State, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which subsidy on some inputs like seeds, herbicides, micronutrients, pesticides, plant protection equiupments and farm implements is provided and field demonstrations on improved rice production technology are laid out. For pulses, a similar Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the National Pulses Development Project is being implemented. For potato development, the Government of Assam is implementing a scheme. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for provision of financial assistance to State level Poultry Corporation/Federation and other similar organisations for streamlining of the marketing of eggs, poultry and supply of feeds and also for modernisation of State poultry farms is being implemented during 1991-92.

**Operation flood programme in Orissa**

581. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa is amongst the States where availability and consumption of milk is very low;

(b) whether Government are aware of its adverse impact on the people of the State;

(c) if so, what priorities have been giveso far to Orissa while launching Operation Floods porgrammes in the country;

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken to make adequate supply of milk for consumption in Orissa and to launch an Operation Flood programme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The estimated level (1989-90) of per capita availability of milk in Orissa is 40 grams per day as against the nutritional requirement of 220 grams per day recommended by the Nutrition Advisory Committee (1981) of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

(c) Orissa State has been included under Operation Flood Programme since 1981.

(d) and (e) To meet the urban demand of milk, the following steps have been taken under Operation Flood Programme:

(i) Liquid milk plant each at Rourkela and Sambalpur with a capacity of 30,000 litres and 10,000 litres per day respectively, have been set up.

(ii) Bhubaneshwar dairy is being expanded from the existing capacity of 60,000 litres per day to 75,000 litres per day.

(iii) Chilling facilities with a total capacity of 59,500 litres per day in the rural areas have been set up.

(iv) Facilities such as, improved food and fodder, breeding and animal health care are provided to the farmers for increasing milk production.

**Development of Fisheries**

582. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: